

Rt. 12, Frederick, Md. 21701

10/3/77

Dear Mike,

Thanks for the copy of the story - and for a straight story.

The first of the ABC "docu-dramas" was just off the air when I reached home. I took in last night's. I was not at all unkind to ABC or to Schiller in what I told you.

For taking this seriously, or pretending to as part of a self-promo, ABC should be clobbered. They are actually asking that this wretched stuff be taken seriously and as fact and truth and be used as the basis of a poll they'll air on the Good Morning America show 10/14.

This kind of commercialization presents real problems to the best of reporters. There is no way one can know what is real, what is unreal, what is cribbed or the sources, what is true or what is twisted, all observable in the second segment.

If you or anyone on your paper face this situation in the future feel free to call. 301/473-8486.

Or, you have one of the few authentic subject experts among professional historians in Wisconsin. He is Dave Wrone in the Department of History at Stevens Point.

He is the one real bibliographer in the field. This has enabled him to separate the nuts and self-seekers from the few who have done real work and whose work can be regarded as responsible and accurate.

If your photographer does not need to keep the shots he took that he did not use and if there is no paper objection I do have call for pictures occasionally and would appreciate any that might be discarded. When this need presents itself I cannot afford to have pictures taken. Every penny is saved for xeroxing government records that will eventually be at Stevens Point.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg